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RENNON, ARK ROYAL, BARTHAM AND FRENCH BATTLESHIP WAIT FOR DEPARTURE OF GRAF SPEE

145,000 Tons Of Allied Warships Off Uruguay

A HAVAS MESSAGE FROM MONTEVIDEO STATES THAT NO LESS THAN 145,000 TONS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS ARE LYING OFF THE URUGUAYAN COAST WAITING FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE GERMAN POCKET BATTLESHIP ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

A COASTGUARD VESSEL REPORTED THAT IT SAW THE CRUISERS H.M.S. CUMBERLAND, FORMERLY OF THE CHINA STATION, AND H.M.S. ACHILLES.

Other warships said to be mounting guard on the horizon are the battleships H.M.S. Renown and H.M.S. Barham, the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Ark Royal and the French battleship Dunkerque.

Reuter from New York says it is time limit for the Graf Spee expires. Many circles give it as 9.30 p.m. (G.M.T.) but local evening newspapers state that it is 11.30 p.m. and that at that hour a commission will board the battleship and report on her condition after which the Government will decide on what steps to take.

READY FOR SEA

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is stated in Montevideo that the Graf Spee was ready for sea last night after hurried repairs but during the night work was still proceeding.

It is believed that the Uruguayan Government believes it impossible to announce the exact time and expiration of the time limit.

ADMIRAL SCHEER

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The Rome Radio says that the Admiral Scheer, sister ship of the Graf Spee, is making for the River Plate, accompanied by submarines.

IN SAFETY ZONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Mr. Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State, told the press conference that the United States and other American nations are concerned about the naval hostilities in the so-called 300-mile safety zone.

He added that the preliminary exchange of views and information concerning the possibility of future naval battles, as well as that involving the Graf Spee and British warships of the Uruguayan coast, have been held.

STILL DOUBTFUL

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is still doubtful when the

ITALIAN OPINION

PARIS, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Notwithstanding neutral naval powers, particularly the United States, the Italian opinion is that the sea fight off Uruguay is a triumph for Britain.

The German press persist in holding it up as a brilliant success for Germany and claiming that it will have "incalculable" consequences.

The Italian press, which devotes an extraordinary amount of space to the event, describes the battle as a clear strategical victory for British warships.

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JAPANESE DEFEATED ON KWANGSI BORDER: CHINESE SUCCESSES IN HUNAN

CHIENKIANG, KWANGSI, Dec. 17. (Central)—Six hundred Japanese at Pingxi on the Kwangsi-Kwangtung border, approximately 75 miles south of Nanning, were defeated in an engagement on Thursday.

They suffered scores of casualties and lost more than 100 rifles. Four cavalrymen were taken prisoner.

MILO, HUNAN, Dec. 17 (Central)—The Chinese who recaptured Yangtze on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 37 miles north of Yoyang, recovered Peilishan and Hengki, two vantage points to the southwest of Yangtze, Thursday morning. Some 200 Japanese were killed in action.

SOUTH SHANSI

HINGTSI, SHENSI, Dec. 17 (Central)—After a ten-day sanguinary battle, Japanese forces at Machiamiao, south-east of Hsiahsien, in South Shansi, have finally been dislodged. They retreated towards Yen-chang-chen. Part of them are surrounded south of Machiamiao.

The Chinese are rapidly advancing on Fangchanniao and Fanchiafen, east of Hsiahsien.

The defeat of the Japanese at Machiamiao, their last stand, signifies the complete failure of

129 LIVES LOST IN DUCHESS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced that six officers and 123 men lost their lives when the destroyer H.M.S. Duchess was sunk.

The following officers are missing and are believed drowned:—Gunner (T) P. H. Gordon, Probationary Midshipman C. L. Kretschmer, Lieutenants G. W. Murray, J. M. L. Scholfield and (E) O. P. Tilden and Lieut-Commander R. C. White.

LANDSDORF TELLS HIS OWN STORY

Gun Accuracy Of British

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Captain Landsdorf, Captain of the Admiral Graf Spee, told his own story of the naval battle in his report to the Uruguayan authorities in which he points out that he was handicapped by having to "fight on three quarters."

The rapidity of the manoeuvres of the British cruisers so upset his plans that he found himself lacking deep water until a shot from one of his guns but the Exeter out of action.

Then the Ajax slipped in towards the shore and scored two hits damaging the fire control and penetrating the compartment above the water line. Many casualties were caused.

GREAT ACCURACY

The British gunners placed the shells with great accuracy with the result that high percentage of the crew of the Graf Spee were put out of action—not only killed and wounded but also suffering from bruises and minor injuries.

Captain Landsdorf therefore decided to attempt to escape under a smoke screen with the object of resuming the action under more favourable conditions, possibly taking on the British cruisers separately, but this manoeuvre was rapidly foreseen by the British staff and frustrated.

INCONCEIVABLE AUDACITY

With inconceivable audacity the Achilles and Ajax approached through the smoke screen to within a mile of the Admiral Graf Spee firing from both sides. The Exeter, almost hors-de-combat, remained to the north apparently to impede the passage of the Graf Spee.

Captain Landsdorf adds that the Achilles and the Ajax, with their speed and mobility, continued to harry the Graf Spee compelling him to increase his front while the Exeter assisted them from time to time with long-range broadsides.

At this point Captain Landsdorf decided to break off the action. Later, off Lobo Island, the Ajax and Achilles again closed in and the Graf Spee was forced to slacken speed and fire a broadside to "keep the enemy at a respectable distance."

"PEACE" GROUP KIDNAPPING

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (Int'l)—Agents of the "peace" group are believed responsible for the kidnapping on Chen Hsien-chang, secretary of a journalistic guild, on Saturday night, in Nanking Road, outside the Sally Rand Confectionery.

The victim was active for some time in disclosing the activities of the "peace" group in Shanghai.

Commodore Knighted, Promoted

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—In recognition of his very gallant and successful fight against the Graf Spee, Commodore H.H. Harwood has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath (K.C.B.) and promoted Rear-Admiral.

The Captains of the other two cruisers have been made Companions of the Order of the Bath (C.B.).

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood is well-known on the China Station as Commander of H.M.S. Cumberland when she was stationed here in 1928 and 1929.

Gunfire On Belgian Coast

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is reported that the sound of gunfire coming from the direction of the sea was heard on the Belgian coast. The firing is described as being of an apparently serious nature.

He warned the Burmese against Japanese malicious propaganda

CHINA ON WAY TO VICTORY IS BELIEF OF EUROPEAN LEADERS: UNREST IN JAPAN PREDICTED

Impressions Of War: Allies Gaining Upper Hand

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—Mr. Aoyama, Japanese anti-war writer, said at the reception given by the Political Board of the National Military Council and the San Min Chu Yi (Three People's Principles) Youth Corps in honor of the Burmese Goodwill Mission last night that anti-war feelings are running high in Japan, and predicted something striking to happen in Japan next April.

He stated that the hand of the Japanese imperialists is being extended to Thailand, Burma and India.

He warned the Burmese against Japanese malicious propaganda

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central)—Leaders of European Powers, whom he met, all believed that China is on her way to victory while Japan, confronted with a shortage of man-power and material resources and mounting diplomatic difficulties, is being gradually weakened, declared Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, when interviewed by Central News on his return yesterday afternoon.

Japan had thought to take advantage of the European war to tighten her aggression in China, but she encountered even greater difficulties in foreign relations, Mr. Sun remarked.

Mr. Sun declared that British, French and Soviet sympathy with and assistance to China remains unaltered and there will be no change in their Far Eastern policy.

While feeling depressed at the confused situation in Europe, the governments of European Powers pin high hopes on China's resistance and believe that China's victory and rebirth will not be far ahead, Mr. Sun added.

Giving his impressions of the European war, Mr. Sun stated that Britain and France seem to be gaining the upper hand. Germany seeks for a sharp and short war. This is why Britain and France are enforcing the blockade, on the one hand, and completing preparations for long-term warfare, on the other, and to avoid unnecessary losses they are on the defensive on the Maginot Line.

Owing to the Allies' superior naval strength, the blockade of Germany has produced favourable effect, Mr. Sun observed. The British and French air forces are under replenishment and therefore, they have not yet taken large-scale action. Neither has the German air force made any big operations in view of the great distance of London.

Mr. Sun said that it is yet difficult to predict the outcome of the European situation as it is subjected to constant changes.

Shortly after his arrival yesterday afternoon, Mr. Sun called on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, for about an hour.

Mr. Sun was entertained at dinner to the evening by General Wu Te-chen, former Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and now Director of the Overseas Affairs Department of the Central Kuomintang Headquarters.

It is learned in authoritative quarters that the examination will be carried out normally and without any suggestion of a "test case" being involved.

U.S. SHIPPING IN MEDITERRANEAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that the United States Maritime Commission will probably issue a formal order on Monday authorizing the trans-Atlantic lines Washington and Manhattan to operate between New York and Italy.

The Commission indicated that it was willing to allow these ships to ply the Mediterranean provided an agreement can be worked out with the other lines already serving in the Mediterranean.

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British and French soldiers sharing a meal.

Fierce Battle On North Finnish—Soviet Front

OSLO, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Yesterday's battle between Salmiäri and Pitcartaervi, on the northern Finnish-Soviet front, was fiercely fought, according to reports from Svanvik today.

Hostilities started early in the morning and developed with rapidity.

Russian bombers played an active part while land forces, estimated at 4,000, were in fully motorised units.

Finnish refugees are now crossing the frontier and the Finns are burning all houses and destroying every bridge where they are retreating.

It is believed that the Finns are preparing for a counter-offensive in the south.

A Moscow communiqué claims the capture of Salmiäri, sixty kilometres south of Petaamo, representing an advance of 125 kilometres in the central district and quote a successful advance on the Karelian Isthmus.

The communiqué adds that owing to unfavourable weather there has been no aerial activity.

HOLDING OWN

HELSINKI, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—After a week of violent fighting all along the eastern frontier, the Finns are more holding their own. Every Sector, except in the extreme north, the double threat to Finland's wasp-waist has been momentarily averted.

The Soviet forces are estimated at between 500,000 to 750,000 strong in Central Finland.

North of Lake Ladoga, the Finns claim a resounding victory in what is described as a four-days pitched battle round Tolvajaari.

Two whole Russian regiments, comprising of 5,000 men, are reported to have been virtually annihilated.

In the Karelian Isthmus the heavy Russian pressure has effected little change in the position.

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235 PUNTERS SHARE "DAILY DOUBLE" POOL OF \$58,361 ON THE LAST DAY OF RACING SEASON

A Grand Time Upsets To Pay \$101.50

Excellent conditions featured the closing day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's 1939 racing season at the Valley on Saturday when a substantial "Daily Double" pool of \$58,361 was shared by 235 backers, each receiving \$248.30 for nominating New Star and Rose Diana.

The big upset of the afternoon was created by A Grand Time, who returned \$101.50—the best dividend of the day.

The three leading jockeys of the season are Mr. C. Encarnacao with 34 wins and 36 places, Mr. V. V. Needa with 25 wins and 41 places, and Mr. D. Black with 18 wins and 31 places.

Following are the results:

RACE ONE		
Hectic View	Was in front by about two lengths all the way round up to the rock, where Confusion Bay took command. Leading into the straight Confusion Bay went on to win comfortably.	
Confusion Bay	Carried 877 out of 971 win tickets on the pari-mutuel, the other runner in this two-horse affair carrying only 94.	
Hongkong Autumn Champions—One and a Quarter Miles		
Mr. L. Dunbar's Confusion Bay, 161 lbs. (Mr. D. Black)	1	
Lan's Hectic View, 158 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih)	2	
Won by five lengths.		
Time: 2.30.4.		
Pari. Mutual:—		
Winner: \$5.10.		
Places: \$5.10.		
Betting		
Win. Place.		
Confusion Bay	877	230
Hectic View	94	20
	971	250

RACE TWO

Pumpernickel, the favourite, was first away with Heinz, Brutus (second favourite) and Dick Turpin (third in demand) following in that order.

Pumpernickel maintained the lead into the straight and went on to win easily by three lengths from Macquarie River (outsider) who came up strongly on the outside to displace Heinz and Brutus. The latter eventually beat Heinz for third place while Dick Turpin finished fifth, and Zodiac a bad last.

Laggards' Handicap—(Six Furlongs)

Mr. J. H. Jessen's Pumpernickel, 160 lbs. (Mr. B. A. Proulx)	1
Gredka's Macquarie River, 135 lbs. (Mr. D. Black)	2
Mr. G. Trevorton's Brutus, 150 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih)	3
Won by three lengths, a neck between second and third.	
Time: 1.18.3.	

Pari. Mutual:—

Winner: \$13.60.		
Places: \$8.70, \$11.20, \$8.70.		
Also ran:—Dick Turpin 140 lbs. (W. G. Poy); Heinz 140 (S. W. Tang); Schmetterling 142 (C. F. H. Churchill); Zodiac 143 (V. V. Needa).		
Betting		
Win. Place.		
Brutus	1100	1058
Dick Turpin	597	878
Heinz	308	425
Macquarie River	203	293
Pumpernickel	1216	1029
Schmetterling	69	108
Zodiac	279	351
	3,772	3,940

RACE THREE

Dow Jones, King's Envoy, Rose Day (the three least fancied) and Matador (favourite) were in front first time round. At the rock Matador forged ahead, and taking the lead was first into the straight.

In the home run Heddon (fourth in demand) and Smiling Time (second favourite) ousted the leaders one by one, but could not catch up with Matador who man-

"LAST QUARTER" ON TOP AGAIN

"Last Quarter," the Hongkong Daily Press racing expert, was again successful in his selections for Saturday's races with four direct winners in Confusion Bay, Pumpernickel, King Kong and New Star.

Two horses tipped for places came first. They are Matador and Plet Hein.

In addition "Last Quarter" had seven other placed horses among his selections for the day, making a total of 13 successes out of 24 selections. It pays to follow "Last Quarter."

CASH SWEEPS

Race 1

No. 4149 \$2,664.75

No. 676 \$883.25

Race 2

No. 3359 \$2,626.40

No. 3323 \$750.40

No. 4417 \$375.20

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 4127, 2815,

4708, 3650 get \$50 each.

Race 3

No. 1497 \$2,804.20

No. 3655 \$801.20

No. 2937 \$400.60

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 5137, 2814,

520, 3280, 38 get \$50 each.

Race 4

No. 3880 \$3,138.80

No. 4364 \$896.80

No. 5134 \$448.40

Race 5

No. 3114 \$5,681.20

No. 3578 \$1,623.20

No. 3232 \$811.60

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 1195, 4141,

2511, 4798, 4777, 2238, 5246 get \$100 each.

Race 6

No. 3566 \$3,176.60

No. 20 \$907.60

No. 1088 \$453.80

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 1534, 2719,

1678, 1713, 983 get \$50 each.

Race 7

No. 819 \$3,337.60

No. 1270 \$953.60

No. 6234 \$476.80

Unplaced Tickets Nos. 2605, 4170,

4741, 4033, 5936, 3037, 2195, 3400

get \$50 each.

Race 8

No. 3377 \$6,420.40

No. 1484 \$1,834.40

No. 1064 \$917.80

Unplaced Ticket No. 12 get \$100.

Race 9

Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third.

Race 10

Commencement Bay was last by several lengths.

Race 11

Tardy Handicap—(One Mile)

Kong Bros' New Star, 158

lbs. (Mr. S. W. Pan)

Cocoa's King Kong, 161 lbs.

(Mr. L. B. Chao)

Fan's Musketeer, 152 lbs.

(Mr. S. C. Liang)

S. L. K's Celtic Star, 158 lbs.

(Mr. C. Encarnacao)

Won by short head, the same between second and third.

Race 12

Time: 1.58.3.

Race 13

Pari. Mutual:—

Winner: \$19.30.

Places: \$8.80, \$11.20, \$8.70.

Also ran:—Dick Turpin 140 lbs.

(W. G. Poy); Heinz 140 (S. W. Tang); Schmetterling 142 (C. F. H. Churchill); Zodiac 143 (V. V. Needa).

Race 14

Betting

Race 15

Win. Place.

Brutus

1100

1058

Dick Turpin

597

878

Heinz

308

425

Macquarie River

203

293

Pumpernickel

1216

1029

Schmetterling

69

108

Zodiac

279

351

3,772

3,940

Race 16

The field went off in line with Oak Bay (outsider) slightly in front. Down the back stretch Oak Bay was well ahead with Potentate (favourite) and Expansion Time following. Commencement Bay was last, ten lengths behind.

Oak Bay led into the straight but in the home run New Star (second favourite) came up strongly and ousted the leaders to win by a short head. Humdrum Eve, making a late spurt, finished third, a short-head behind Oak Bay, while Expansion Time defeated Potentate for fourth posi-

Race 17

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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

18—Tides: High 12.23 a.m. and 4.04 p.m. Low 8.21 a.m. and 7.49 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 4.45 p.m.

Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker due.

Cheero Club, Gala Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg. Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.

H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m.

Busy Bees Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.; Flag Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrews Vicarage: Meeting to form Winter Food Relief Committee, 6 p.m.

First Aid Examination: St. John's Ambulance Brigade Hqrs, 6 p.m.

R.A.C. Cup Polo, 3.30 p.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

St. Paul's Church—Christmas Carols, 7.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 1.07 a.m. and 4.46 p.m. Low 8.09 a.m. and 10.08 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Claims against estate of Gaston Desmuller due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg. Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Bridge class, 10 a.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Anti-Aircraft Practice by 3rd Battery, H.K.V.D.C., at Aberdeen Island, 11 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

20—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 9.57 a.m. and 11.48 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m.

Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m.

Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.

Middlesex Regt. Inter-Company (Novices) Boxing Meet, 7.30 p.m.

Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute, Invitation Christmas Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Christmas Concert, St. Andrew's, 8.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: H.E. Team vs Tai Koo Club, Govt. House, 3.15 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.

Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 8 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Servicemen's X'Mas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons, 8 p.m.

22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vincez Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.)

Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—8.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.

H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge.

24—Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 6.15 p.m.

25—Christmas Day.

St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer.

26—Boxing Day.

R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwant.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.C.S.C.C.—Prize-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

29—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.

31—New Year's Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services.

Football Shield, First Round.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Tuesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Delphinus—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Wednesday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Denchola—7 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.

Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Monday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.

China Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Tuesday: Manila, U.S.A.

China Clipper—8.30 a.m.

Note: The inward service of Imperial Airways from Bangkok due in Hongkong Sunday afternoon has been delayed forty-eight hours by the main Empire route connection.

TO-DAY ONLY

NEWSSETTES

Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, Consul-General for Japan at Hongkong resumed charge of the Consulate-General for Japan on December 8.

Lord Roberts Brown has been re-assigned from the Combatant Group to the Key-Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during November, 1939, was 2,354.

The full text of the Order of His Majesty in Council framing proposals for restricting further the commerce of Germany is published in the Government Gazette.

His Excellency the Governor has approved that Lieut. Frederick White Thomson Ross be allowed to resign his commission in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from Dec. 5, 1939.

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary State for the Colonies, has been pleased to recognise Mr. Ducco Gerrit Eduard Middelburg as Acting Consul-General of the Netherlands at Hongkong.

The following additions are made to the Chinese banks registered as permitted to sell Chinese currency and to remit money money to China:—The Industrial Bank of China; The National Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd.; and The Wing On Bank, Ltd.

Plans have been completed by a group of Chinese overseas to publish a Far Eastern Daily, a vernacular at Cholon a town 4 miles from Saigon and seat of most of the Chinese trade in French Cochinchina. This will be the first Chinese paper ever published in Cholon, where there is a large Chinese population.

NEW ROADS NAMED

The following names for new roads are announced in the Government Gazette:—

Homestead Road—From Mount Kellett at the north-west corner of Homestead Flats along the west side of Mount Kellett terminating at Mount Kellett Rd. at the south-west corner of the War Memorial Hospital.

Tsat Tse Mui Road—Commencing at Shu Kuk Street, south of Inland lot 2819, running south of and parallel to King's Road and terminating at King's Road, north of Q.B.I.L. 4.

Tin Chiu Street—Commencing at south-west corner of Inland lot 5378, running in a northerly direction and terminating at the sea front.

21—FILM OF BATTLE BETWEEN PLANES AND WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter)—For the first time in the history of the films, an actual battle between aeroplanes and battleships was shown in a London cinema yesterday.

The films were taken by a British officer on board an escort destroyer in the North Sea.

One can see the anti-aircraft guns on a cruiser in action against Nazi aeroplanes, from which bombs can be seen dropping.

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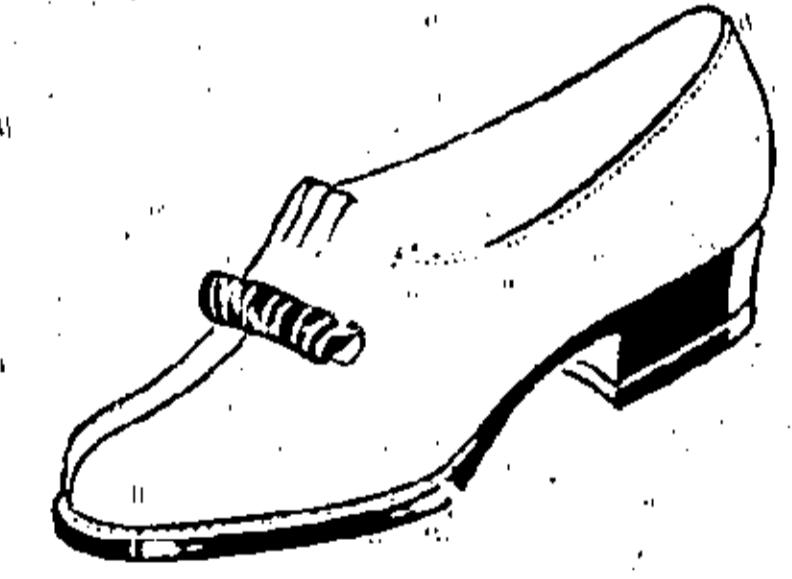
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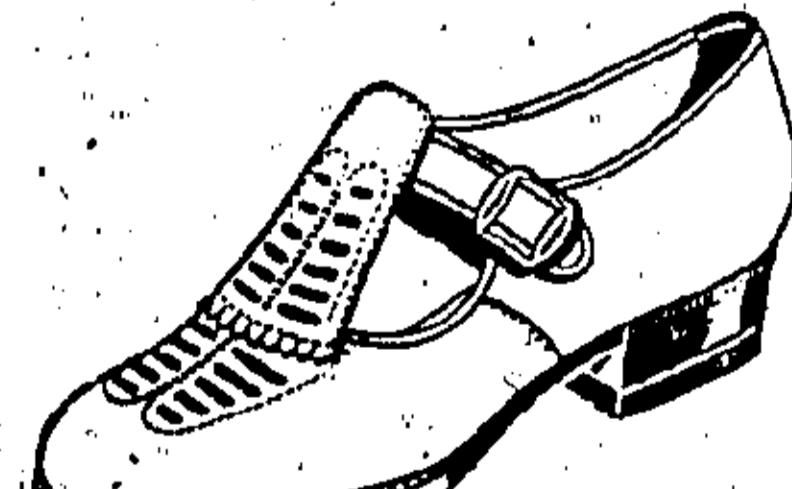


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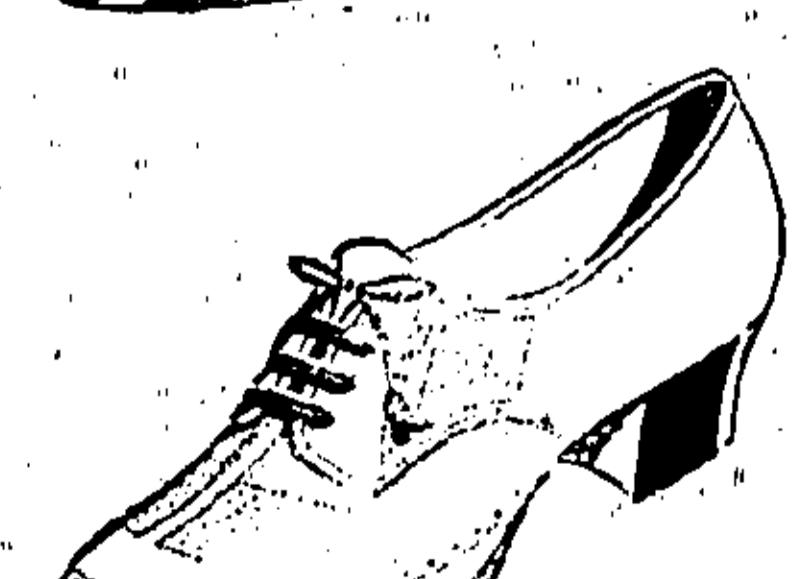
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Rata

A memorial service for Lieut. Commander R.C.M. White and the Officers and Men of H.M.S. *Duchess*, will be held at St. John's Cathedral, tomorrow at 11 a.m.

GENERAL

DAYLIGHT SAVING QUESTION

H.K. COMMITTEE APPOINTED

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following to be members of a Committee to consider further the question of daylight saving:

Bon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Chairman), Mr. D. Kelvin-Stark, the Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., Mr. M. F. Key, O.B.E., Mr. J. Finnie and Mr. R. A. Camidge.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Having regard to the facts that—
(1) the conservation of sterling exchange is very necessary to the successful prosecution of the war with Germany;

(2) the coal used in the generation of the Colony's electric light supply is largely purchased from countries outside the sterling group;

(3) the majority of the shops and many of the factories in Hongkong are open to late hour of night!

to examine and report on the advisability of—

(a) adopting an official time for the Colony one hour, or part of one hour, in advance of the time of the 120th meridian East of Greenwich for the whole or for part of the year, and

(b) limiting by statute the number of hours per diem during which workers in shops and factories may be employed.

BOYS COMMENDED FOR ARRESTING SNATCHER

Two young European boys, Derek Wilton, 12, and Fred Stanford, 10, were commended by Mr. R.A.D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Saturday for effecting the arrest of a snatcher.

Accused, Tsui, Chi, 26, unemployed, snatched a woollen shawl from a Chinese woman near Murray Path. The two boys, who were near, gave chase and arrested him.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

FREELANDER'S EXHIBITION

A collection of oil paintings by Erne Freelander were on display over the week-end in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

A steady procession of admirers and art students entered the Hall throughout the afternoons particularly yesterday.

The exhibition was under the auspices of the Hongkong Working Artists' Guild.

First Christmas Party Of Season For Children

The first children's Christmas party of the season was held on Saturday afternoon when over 70 children of the members of the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. assembled for an enjoyable time at the Kowloon Tong School, 27 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong. The function was arranged by a ladies' committee comprising Mesdames Peter S. Wong, Yinson Lee, C. P. Wong, Li Shu-pui, James T. Choy, Peter H. Sin, Kenneth W. Chau, James Choa, Richard Shim, Y. O. Lee and others.

A programme of entertainment was arranged by the children themselves with the following numbers:—Wong Chan-wa at the piano and Chan Kwok-on on harmonica in an accompaniment to a patriotic

song; vocal numbers by Miss Sin Yee-ha and sister, and the Misses Lee Chi-ching and Lee Ching-ling; piano solos by Miss Jacqueline Choy, Wong Chan-wa and Wong Chan-keung; story telling by Chow Man-wai, Chow Chan-wing and Cheung Chi-cheung; and a vocal quintette by the Chow brothers and Master Choa. Tea was served, which was followed by the distribution of gifts.

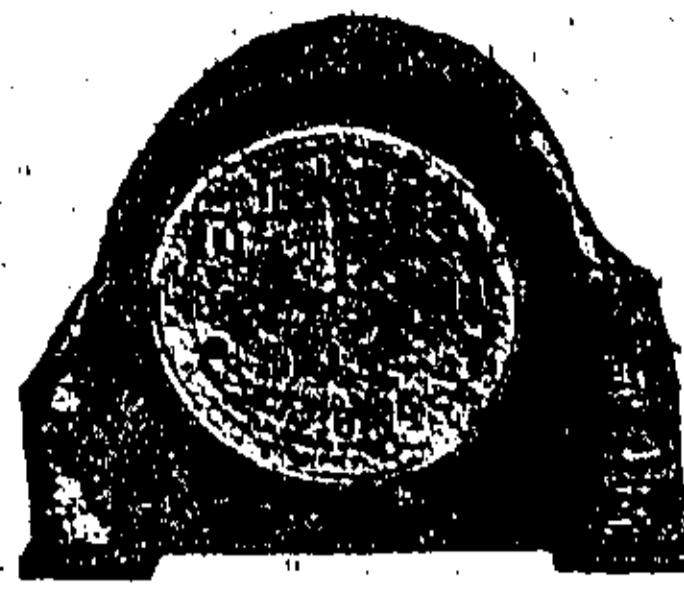
The children had brought toys costing between 80 cents and \$1 which were all tagged with numbers and pooled, and drawn for. A fair exchange of gifts resulted, causing much excitement and amusement among the youngsters as well as the grown-ups. The delightful function was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the principal and staff of the Kowloon Tong School for allowing the Club the use of their premises for the occasion.

The speaker at Thursday's luncheon meeting of the Club at St. Francis Hotel will be Mr. S. C. Leung, general secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A.'s of China, who recently came to Hongkong from Chungking. His subject is "Recent developments in China."

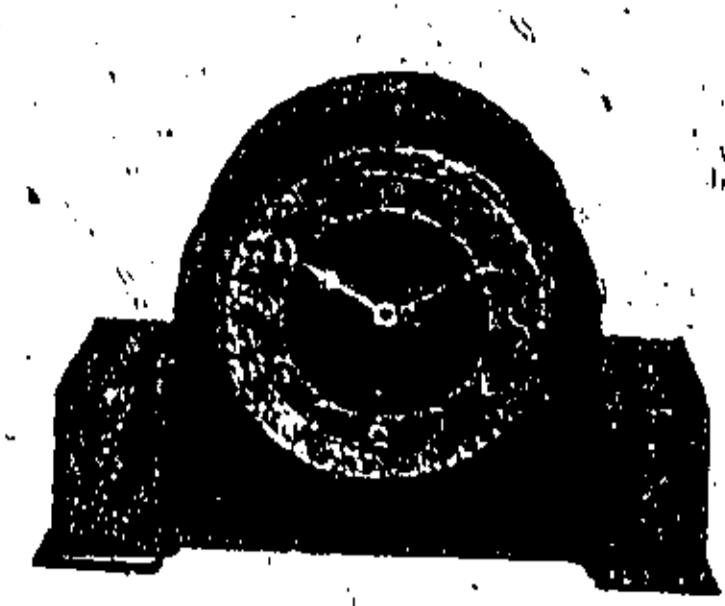
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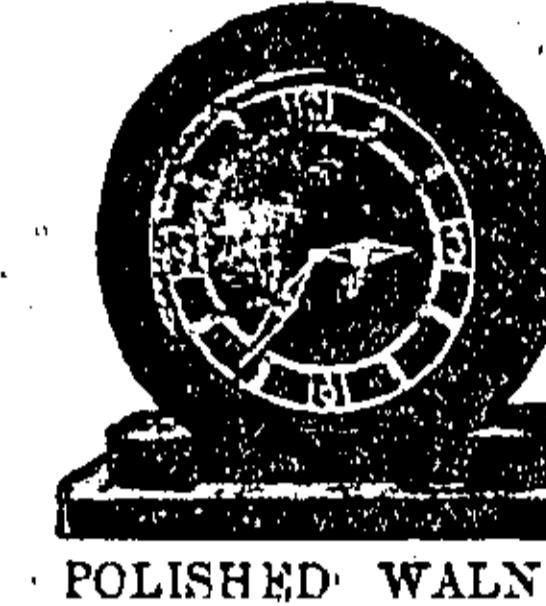
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NOTICE.

During the holiday period the office of the Controller of Trade will be open only from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 24th and 26th December, and will be closed entirely on Christmas Day.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports and
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of Trade.

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NOTICE.

A Memorial Service in commemoration of Lieut. Commander R. C. M. White and the Officers and Men of H.M.S. Duchess will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, December 19th.

11-11.30 a.m.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that A L V E N A L A I H O V E T S K Y, L.T.C.L., of 233 Nathan Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER Co., (1922) LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, on Monday, 18th December, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of Directors for the year ended 30th June, 1939, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 13th Dec., 1939, until Monday, 18th Dec., 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN TOWNS & CO., LTD.,
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MARKET STALL TENANCY

At the Urban Council meeting to be held tomorrow, the Chairman will move the following further amendment to the Market by-laws:—

In the event of a stall holder or a relative holding in his stead remaining in possession of a market stall, whether that originally let or one substituted therefor, for a period of five years from the date of the first letting, the Council shall have power to vary the rental of such stall without calling the tenancy and calling for sealed tenders for further letting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Other Business will be:—

Correspondence relative to the proposed policy for the registration of food preserving establishments.

Correspondence relative to the proposed erection of a small flush water closet for the use of women and children in the Kowloon King George V Memorial Field.

Application for a milk shop licence for No. 102, Thomson Road, ground floor.

Application for a goat licence for the premises on K.M.L. No. 52, Bailey's Shipyard.

EDITORIAL
CHINA DEFEAT IRELAND IN FAST SOCCER MATCH

Perfect Understanding Of Losers' Forward Line

IN A CLEAN FAST GAME OF REALLY EXCITING SOCCER, China (holders) easily defeated Ireland by four goals to two in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup first round at Carline Hill yesterday, after leading two-one in the first half. Ireland scored the equaliser through a penalty half-way through the second-half and excitement ran to fever pitch during the last 15 minutes of play when both sides were striving their hardest to assume the lead.

Ten minutes from the end China the field when a centre from Jorge was leading by the odd goal in saw Lau Chi-chan deflect the ball five and the last three minutes into his own goal when trying to saw Lee Wai-tong shoot the sixth take it off his chest. This gave and last to put his team on a safe Ireland an early lead.

The Chinese continued to press and in a melee they were awarded a penalty which Lee Wai-tong took. He failed to score, however. The ball went clean over the bar. In the course of play Lee again made an unsuccessful scoring attempt. Eventually he tossed a pass from the left to the right winger Cheuk Shek-kam who scored the equaliser.

Cheuk, soon after, availed himself of another pass to put the Chinese one up and the half time whistle went with China leading two-one.

THE PLAY

Play opened with Ireland pressing. The Chinese soon assumed the offensive, but play was soon forced back to the other end of

3RD CRUISER YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 3rd Cruiser Championship was held yesterday over a 25 miles course and results in wins for Cutty (Mr. H. Foy) in the "W" Class and Noreena (Mr. P. G. N. Sedgwick) in the "E" Class.

Detailed results follow:

W CLASS STARTED 0950 HRS.

Finds Cor Pts Pts Tl.

Cutty 184054 170939 10 11 21

(Mr. H. Foy).

Typhoon 191139 173322 8 7 15

(Mr. D. Campbell).

Curlew 191229 173403 6 7 13

(Mr. P. Clarke).

Sal Long 192346 174803 4 21 25

(Mr. A. M. Mark).

Mistral 7

Term D.N.F. 1 17 18

E CLASS STARTED 1000 HRS.

Noreena 164315 164315 21 39 60

(Mr. P. G. N. Sedgwick).

Sa Cigale 1 170229 170229 19 33 52

(Mr. N. Croucher).

Red Rover 174942 171033 17 31 45

(Capt. R. Bateman).

Highwayman 190712 171747 15 23 34

(Capt. J. Macrae).

Donna 171918 171916 14 8 26

(Mr. E. Cock).

Oresund 172100 172100 13 12 26

(Mr. K. Neckelman).

Doinda 181332 172411 12 29 41

(Mr. J. Dewar).

Tai Wan

Shan 192211 174829 11 41 52

(Maj. J. Dobbs).

Tyronne 193030 175059 10 4 14

(Mr. B. Herschend).

Azurina 196530 183819 9 — 9

(Mr. E. Lambert).

U & I D.N.F. 1 21 22

Yehonah D.N.F. 1 13 14

Cormorant D.N.F. 1 12 13

Punal D.N.F. 1 29 30

Evolene D.N.F. 1 18 19

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The Hongkong Yacht Club's 5th Corinthian Series over 7.3 miles resulted on Saturday as follows:—

"A" CLASS—STARTED AT 14.40

Yacht "Finished Posn Pts Pts

Redsund 17.25.42 1 16 4

(Lt. Cdr. M.S. Pennington, R.N.)

Painted Lady 17.30.08 2 14 2

(Dr. Dean-Smith).

Jan 17.31.36 3 12 1

(Capt. J. Krogh-Moe).

MIXED CLASSES—STARTED

AT 14.50

Allsa 17.17.52 1 11 4

(Mr. W. A. Ingram).

Sinkin 17.30.00 2 9 2

(Mr. D. Allen).

Widgeon 17.32.21 3 7

(Mr. McCabe).

are lying in wait for the Graf von Spee and other German ships that may come to her aid, indicates a determined effort to eliminate the menace of a German surface fleet in the South Atlantic. It shows that the Admiralty, at any rate, will not, despite the brilliant exploit of the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles, put its passport had a visa which had trust in light cruisers when such big fish are to be caught.

THE REPORT that such dreadnaughts as the Renown

EDITORIAL

Home Rugby

LEAGUE & UNION RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuters)—The following matches in Rugby by League and Rugby Union were played yesterday:

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lancashire League

Barrow 18, Wigan 14.

Broughton 0, Oldham 18.

Leyv. 8, Rochdale (postponed).

Liverpool 0, Swinton 26.

Salford 17, Widnes 3.

Warrington 8, St. Helens 6.

Yorkshire League

Bradford 23, Hunslet 14.

Bramley 8, Featherstone 10.

Castleford 20, Barley 10.

Dewsbury 19, Keighley 8.

Huddersfield 22, York 10.

Hull Kingston 13, Wakefield 8.

Leeds 6, Hull 23.

RUGBY UNION

Guy's Hosp. 18, Wasps 8.

Harlequins 8, Army XV 10.

Old Paulines 5, L'don-Irish.

Welsh 13.

Rosslyn P. 28, St. Barts, Hosp. 3.

Bedford 15, Northampton 9.

Bristol 28, Army XV 0.

Cardiff 40, Cross Keys 5.

Coventry 8, Moseley 8.

Ebbs Vale 6, Newport 8.

Gloucester 3, Bridgford 3.

Llanelli 3, Neath 3.

Torquay 15, Army XV 8.

Portsmouth Ser. 3, St. Mary's Hosp. 10.

BOWLING ALLEYS COMPETITION

In a 1st round match of the Singles (10 pin) Handicap Competition played at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last night, M. Talan (plus 12) beat L. Gaddi (plus 12) by 64 pins, the final scores being 488 and 404 respectively.

In a three-game ten pin match between the U.S.S. Tulsa and the U.S.S. Barker the former won by 197 pins.

Teams and scores follow:

U.S.S. TULSA: Pete Pearson, Al Schreiber, W. Michaels and H. Koslosky. Scores 570, 545, 509. Total 1524.

U.S.S. BARKER: V. P. Beckwith, R. W. Cushing, E. L. MacMillan and J. Richardson. Scores, 510, 465, 452. Total 1427.

These early morning sailing are certainly excellent excuses for informal parties and when the American President Line's steamer decided to sail about midnight over the week-end for the North there was much gaiety.

Mr. Claude Barr, representative of Canadian National Railways, no doubt, still vividly remembers his adios gathering friends to him for Christmas, New Year, bon voyage, and his health. Then he sailed out for a call and the holiday season in Shanghai.

Another local business executive who had his share of farewells, good cheer and best wishes was Mr. O. Cuevas, of Intercontinental Corporation. This gentleman is en route to the United States on business and holiday. He was a passenger on the R.M.A. Dardanus which was shot at by Japanese planes.

Shanghai-bound was Mr. Harrison Arnold, representative of Ford Motors. He is hurrying home for Santa Claus' Day.

Miss Olive Rand a very nice "American Miss" is going back to the only lands where he has not made researches and explorations.

The member who will make a picture and sound story of this long and interesting voyage is also in Manila. He is Mr. Edwin Beckwith. His camera will give the exact story of events. However, sad to state, it will not be for commercial purposes.

The complete party will spend New Year in the Philippines and proceed on their journey shortly after.

The Cheng Ho, sturdy 100-foot junk, is comfortably and efficiently constructed and indeed a proud lady of the sea when, with sails hoisted, she moves down the bay.

Her crew keen, intelligent and strong will be well served by this latest masterpiece from the yards of Ah King's.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1939.

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WILL THE GRAF SPEE MAKE A BID FOR FREEDOM? — URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S TIME LIMIT OF 72 HOURS EXPIRES

Battered Battleship's Predicament

LONDON, DEC. 16 (REUTER) — THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PERMIT THE GRAF SPEE 72 HOURS IN MONTEVIDEO, REUTER LEARNS AUTHORITATIVELY. It is understood that this means from the moment she entered harbour at 10 p.m. local time Wednesday.

This follows an exchange of views between the British Minister at Montevideo and the Uruguayan Foreign Office. During this period the Graf Spee is being permitted to effect the repairs necessary to make her seaworthy.

The news communicated to the British Minister to Montevideo last night.

No protest has yet reached London from Uruguay in respect of the operations against the Graf Spee.

MOST HAZARDOUS

Regarding speculation that the Graf Spee might attempt to make Buenos Aires, keeping in territorial waters all along the coast, it is pointed out that owing to the shallow water, particularly in the River Plate, this would be most hazardous if not impossible.

Britain recognises the three-mile limit but has reserved all rights with respect to the Panama declaration which claimed a neutrality limit of 300 miles around the Americas.

ATTEMPT REGARDED AS UNLIKELY

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — Many here believe that the Admiral Graf Spee is preparing to slip out of harbour at any moment without waiting for repairs to be completed.

This belief is not supported by the captains of the sunk British ships who were released from the battleship.

They regard as unlikely any attempt by the Graf Spee to run the gauntlet of the British warships patrolling the mouth of the River Plate unless definite orders are received from Berlin.

PATCHING WOUNDS

Though the time limit for the Admiral Graf Spee's stay here expires tomorrow (Sunday), the exact hour has not yet been announced.

The crew of the damaged battleship are still patching up her wounds, many of them being kept hard at work while their 36 comrades were being buried.

R.A.F. In France Prepare For A Hard And Bitterly Cold Winter

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter) — Britain's Air Arm in France is hastening its preparations for a hard winter, says Reuter's special correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

BITTER COLD

The season gives every promise of being bitterly cold in the West Front and it may well be one of bitter aerial warfare as well.

In view of its close proximity to Germany, which is within easy striking distance, the Air Force expects to have big share in what Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister for Air, called another and "more strenuous and difficult" chapter of the war in the air, which he warned in the House of Commons might open before the spring.

The Royal Air Force is speculating keenly on what the Air Minister's words may foretell.

While they hope that the new development may be delayed until after Christmas and New Year leave, they are just as eager to have a crack at the enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The argument that economic blockade and aerial bombardment of industrial areas are justified, is contained in an article which appears in the leading German military publication.

The marriage of Miss Jenny Hamet, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. A. H. Hamet, and Mr. M. el Arculli, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. O. el Arculli, took place at the Mohammedan Mosque yesterday. A reception was held in the afternoon at the Indian Recreation Club.

WHALING SHIP EVADES U-BOAT

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 17 (Reuter) — It is revealed that the 13,000-tonner Capetown whaling factory ship, Tafelberg, was attacked by a U-boat some weeks ago in the West Atlantic, but escaped unscathed.

The U-boat was apparently the same that unsuccessfully chased the New Zealand liner, Mataroa, south-east of Bermuda at about the same time.

MINES TAKE BIG TOLL OF NEUTRAL SHIPPING: FOUR SUNK

WESTERN FRONT

French Hurl Back Large Nazi Raid

PATROL ACTIVITY

PARIS, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The French today hurled back one of the largest German raids of the war on the western front.

Several company sections, with artillery support, attacked the French lines with the intention of taking prisoners.

ATTACK REPULSED

They were repulsed by automatic rifle fire, hand grenades and counter-fire from French batteries.

French and German casemates exchanged desultory artillery fire.

PATROL ACTIVITY

The chief activity on the western front is still against enemy patrols.

This morning's French war communiqué says there is nothing of importance.

The position of the main German concentration has not changed in the last two months.

SHIP SCUTTLED

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — There was heavy German patrol activity on the Western Front yesterday. Two Nazi patrols penetrated the advanced French outposts, but were driven back with casualties on both sides. It is reported.

The War Ministry confirms a report that movements of German troops have been noted by the French during the past few days.

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AND ANOTHER

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The German steamer Teneriffe (2,400 tons) has been intercepted by the Royal Navy and scuttled by her crew.

TO VISIT KUNMING

KUNMING, Dec. 17 (Central) — Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission who are now in the wartime capital will visit Kunming on Dec. 27, it is learned here today.

Gen. Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, and official circles here have completed preparations to welcome the Burmese visitors.

TO KILL BUGS WITH LIGHTED TAPER: FIRE

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — An account of the running fight with H.M.S. Exeter, Achilles and Ajax given to-day to Uruguayan officials in Montevideo by Captain Landsdorp, in command of the Admiral Graf Spee.

Captain Landsdorp paid a sporting tribute to his British opponents for the gallant manner in which they closed to short range under the German battleship's immensely superior armament.

He said he first sighted Exeter at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and while they were taking stock of her, Ajax and Achilles appeared.

SWIFT MANOEUVRE

The British ships manoeuvred swiftly and placed the Graf Spee between them and the shore.

"I was afraid of the shallow waters and was unable to go out further to sea owing to the British fire," Captain Landsdorp said.

There was a lively exchange of fire with Exeter before Ajax and Achilles drew within range.

ACCURATE FIRING

Captain Landsdorp expressed his admiration of the fire of the latter two cruisers, which had a severe effect on the Graf Spee's prow and control tower, where there were several casualties among the men directing the battleship's fire.

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SEVERAL HITS

"The British Commodore, in Exeter, ordered his ships to close in, and I should like to pay a tribute to Ajax and Achilles which took risks which were incredible even in the heat of battle."

"They laid smoke screens within a mile of us and scored several hits from both sides," concluded the German commander.

Skipper's Skill

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The quartermaster of the Admiral Graf Spee, who is in hospital suffering from wounds, today highly praised the skill of his captain.

People Shivering

The Newcastle steamer Ambie (1,100 tons) was mined in the North Sea. Her crew of 17 were landed in a north-east port yesterday.

Sino-Burmese Relations

GOODWILL MISSION ENTERTAINED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (Central) — The Burmese Goodwill Mission to China was entertained at a tea party by Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, and other officials of the Yuan, yesterday afternoon.

In the course of a speech Dr. Kung expressed the hope that Sino-Burmese relations will be further strengthened.

CULTURAL ASSN.

Mr. U Ba Lwin, leader of the Mission, suggested the organisation of a Sino-Burmese Cultural Association and the exchange of college professors and students between the two countries.

Earlier in the day, the mission visited the Central University, Nankai University and Chungking University and was entertained at lunch by the Presidents of the three institutions.

NINE MEMBERS

The mission comprises nine members, namely U Ba Lwin, Miss Daw Mya Sein, Thakin Nu, U Ba Choe, Ganga Singh, U Ba, Saw Taik Leong, William Tseng and Liu Hsi-sung. Mr. U Ba Lwin is a well-known Burmese statesman and educator, one-time vice-Speaker of the Burmese Senate and former President of the Rotary Club in Rangoon. Miss Daw Mya Sein, deputy leader of the Mission, better known among international women societies as Miss May Oung, is president of the Buddhist College for Girls and president of the Sino-Burmese Educational Society.

HEAVY TOLL

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — A heavy loss of life is feared as the result of the sinking of the British tanker Inverlane, which hit a mine in the North Sea.

NAZI FREIGHTER CAPTURED

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The German freighter Dusseldorf which was captured by a British warship off the coast of Chile, had been in Valparaiso harbour for several weeks, and she slipped out of port on Wednesday bound for an unknown destination.

SHIP SCUTTLED

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The German ship Adolf Leonhardt, which was scuttled by her crew, had been sheltering in Lobito Bay, Portuguese East Africa, ever since the war began.

TO VISIT KUNMING

KUNMING, Dec. 17 (Central) — Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission who are now in the wartime capital will visit Kunming on Dec. 27, it is learned here today.

Gen. Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, and official circles here have completed preparations to welcome the Burmese visitors.

TO KILL BUGS WITH LIGHTED TAPER: FIRE

CAPETOWN, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — An account of the running fight with H.M.S. Exeter, Achilles and Ajax given to-day to Uruguayan officials in Montevideo by Captain Landsdorp, in command of the Admiral Graf Spee.

Captain Landsdorp paid a sporting tribute to his British opponents for the gallant manner in which they closed to short range under the German battleship's immensely superior armament.

He said he first sighted Exeter at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and while they were taking stock of her, Ajax and Achilles appeared.

SWIFT MANOEUVRE

The British ships manoeuvred swiftly and placed the Graf Spee between them and the shore.

"I was afraid of the shallow waters and was unable to go out further to sea owing to the British fire," Captain Landsdorp said.

There was a lively exchange of fire with Exeter before Ajax and Achilles drew within range.

ACCURATE FIRING

Captain Landsdorp expressed his admiration of the fire of the latter two cruisers, which had a severe effect on the Graf Spee's prow and control tower, where there were several casualties among the men directing the battleship's fire.

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SEVERAL HITS

"The British Commodore, in Exeter, ordered his ships to close in, and I should like to pay a tribute to Ajax and Achilles which took risks which were incredible even in the heat of battle."

"They laid smoke screens within a mile of us and scored several hits from both sides," concluded the German commander.

Skipper's Skill

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The quartermaster of the Admiral Graf Spee, who is in hospital suffering from wounds, today highly praised the skill of his captain.

People Shivering

The Newcastle steamer Ambie (1,100 tons) was mined in the North Sea. Her crew of 17 were landed in a north-east port yesterday.

PEACE TREATIES & NEED FOR THEIR PEACEFUL REVISION

ROME, Dec. 16 (Reuter) — The well-known fascist views regarding the peace treaties and the need for their peaceful revision, were dwelt on by Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies and Corporations this morning.

ITALY'S CONTRIBUTION

Count Ciano emphasised the positive contribution which Italy had made towards peace and recalled the Spanish civil war and the reasons why Italy, morally and materially, supported General Franco.

Count Ciano reaffirmed the bonds uniting the Italian and Spanish peoples.

PEACE TREATIES & NEED FOR THEIR PEACEFUL REVISION

He spoke of Italy's desire to see order and peace maintained in the Balkans, but not through the formation of any new bloc of nations.

He also referred to Italy's relations with individual countries, and particularly emphasised her friendly relations with Hungary.

Relations with Turkey, he said, were covered by a pact, while with Rumania and Bulgaria the most friendly relations existed.

VIGILANT SPIRIT

Fascist Italy, Count Ciano concluded, continued to follow in a vigilant spirit the development of events, and was ever-ready, if possible, to give once again a contribution towards world peace.

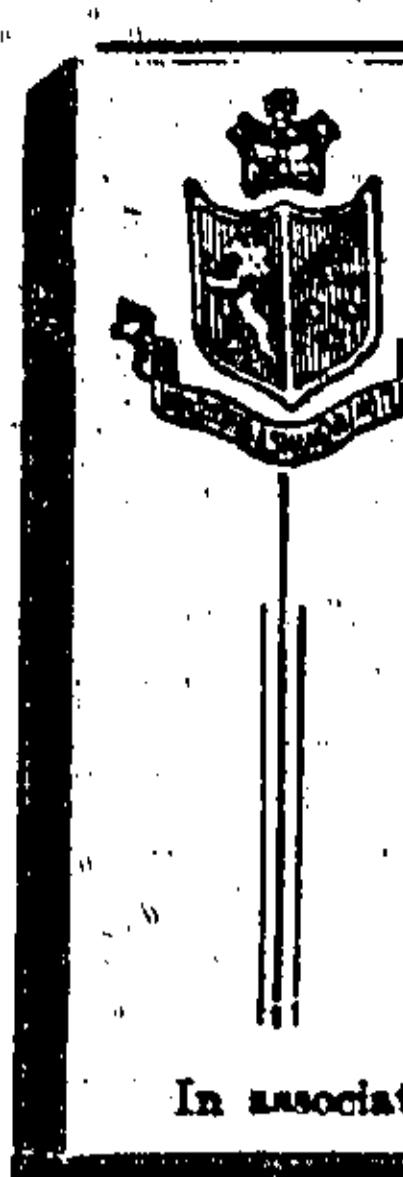
The most important sentence in Count Ciano's speech was:

"I wish to make it clear that no initiative has been taken by Italy so far, nor is it our intention to take any initiative, nor can we make clear our stand towards neutrals."

Count Ciano added that Italy, at the same time, was equally determined to protect with indifference its interests both on land and sea.

PEACE TREATIES & NEED FOR THEIR PEACEFUL REVISION

The R.A.F. made further successful routine flights over Heligoland and dropped some bombs. The Germans say that the bombs fell into the sea.



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No Headway In Formation Of "Central Government"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (Reuter) — As expected the discussions at the seventh meeting of the United Council of the "Provisional" and "Reformed" Governments, which concluded yesterday, failed to throw any light on the question of the new Central Government resulting merely in passing five resolutions on comparatively minor issues.

These resolutions included decisions to open exchange facilities between the "Provisional" and "

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The following are the results to date:—

BILLIARDS

Prison Officers Club 1:—Gowland 150, Pike 89, Gooding 66. H.B. Club 2:—Castillo 72, Low 150, Ng 150. C.S.C.C. 2:—Jones 150, Rakusen 148, Grimmitt 150. H.K. Police 1:—Bradsell 77, Pope 150, Goodwin 81. H.K. Police 3:—Ellis 150, Pope 150, Goodwin 150. Naval Police 0:—Whelan 136, McAteer 132, Roach 90. C. and P.O.R.C. 3:—Davies 150, Hawkes 150, Grant 150. Garrison "A" 0:—Carden 75, Harden 138, Wood 115. Naval Police 0:—Whelan 147, Roach 146, Batten 112. D.R.C. 3:—Jackson 150, Lewis 150, Collins 150. Garrison "B" 1:—Cullimore 100, Brown 76, Lord 150. C.C.C. 2:—Hongsing 150, Kit- chell 150, Zimmern 127.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Civil Ser. C.C. 8	8 0 21 3 21
H.B. Club	7 7 0 18 3 18
D.R.C.	8 6 2 15 9 15
C.C.C.	8 4 4 13 11 13
H.K. Police	7 4 3 12 9 12
Garrison "A"	8 4 4 11 13 11
Prison O.C.	8 5 11 13 11
Talkoo Club	7 3 4 9 12 9
C. and P.O.R.C. 7	3 4 9 12 9
R.A.F. Sgts.	
Mess	6 3 3 8 10 8
Naval Police	6 1 5 6 12 6
R.E. Sgts. Mess	7 1 6 5 16 5
Garrison "B"	7 0 7 3 18 3

LEAGUE TABLE

	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Civil Ser. C.C. 8	8 6 2 17 7 17
Garrison "A"	8 5 3 15 9 15
R.E. Sgts. Mess	7 5 2 14 7 14
Naval Police	7 6 1 14 7 14
H.K. Police	7 5 2 14 7 14
Prison O.C.	8 4 4 13 11 13
H.M. Club	7 2 5 10 11 10
C. & P.O.R.C.	7 2 5 9 12 9
D.R.C.	7 3 4 8 13 8
C.C.C.	8 3 5 8 16 8
R.A.F. Sgts.	
Mess	6 2 4 7 11 7
Garrison "B"	7 2 5 7 14 7
Talkoo Club	7 2 5 5 16 5
Highest Break.	G. A. Low (H.B.) 30.

DARTS

Hongkong Police 3:—Perkins 1, Pope 2, Banks 0, Taylor 2, Clark 2. Naval Police 2:—McCu 2, Matthews 0, McAteer 2, Curd 0, Smith 0.

C. & P.O.R.C. 4:—Saunders 2, Oliver 2, Nott 0, Lang 2, Jennings 2.

Garrison "A" 1:—Carden 1, Bell 0, Winn 2, Chalcroft 1, Lord 1.

Naval Police 5:—Kelland 2, Matthews 2, Nichols 2, Brown 2, Bellamy 2.

D.R.C. 0:—Dunk 0, Goodyear 0, Michen 0, Bottie 1, Foreham 1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
C. & P.O.R.C. 6	4 2 18 14 16
R.A.F. Sgts.	
Mess	5 4 1 14 11 14
Naval Police	5 1 4 13 12 13
H.K. Police	4 3 1 12 8 12
Garrison "A"	3 2 1 11 4 11
R.E. Sgts.	
Mess	4 2 2 8 12 8
Prison O.C.	4 1 3 7 13 7
D.R.C.	3 0 3 4 11 4

Highest game finish: Mr. Lord G.S.M. '59. Highest score in 3 successive darts, Mr. Taylor (H.K.P.) 174.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—The following are the results of matches in the English and Scottish regional tournaments played yesterday:

MIDLAND

Birmingham 2, Walsall 2. Leicester 3, Luton 3. Northampton 1, Wolverhampton 2.

West Brom. A. 3, Coventry 1.

SOUTH-A

Arsenal 5, Southend 1. Charlton 5, Watford 1. Clapton 0, West Ham 8. Crystal P. 4, Millwall 1. Norwich 5, Tottenham 2.

SOUTH-B

Aldershot 3, Southampton 0. Bournemouth 2, Chelsea 2. Fulham 2, Brentford 4.

Portsmouth 1, Reading 2. Queen's Park R. 3, Brighton 2.

SOUTH-WESTERN

Bristol 1, Plymouth 0. Newport 0, Bristol R. 1. Swansea 4, Cardiff 0. Torquay 5, Swindon 1.

NORTH-EASTERN

Middles Boro 8, Darlington 1.

OTHER MATCHES

Accrington 7, Oldham 1. Blackpool 0, Everton 6. Bury 5, Blackpool 3.

Barnsley 2, Bradford 3. Bolton 3, Army XI 3.

Bradford C. 3, Rotherham 2. Burnley 0, Manchester C. 2.

Carlisle 2, Newcastle 5. Chesterfield 1, Halifax 1.

Chester 3, Bury 4. Crew Alex. 3, Shrewsbury 1.

Derby 2, Buxton 2. Grimsby 5, Leeds 5.

Hull 4, Notts C. 5. Liverpool 0, Preston 1.

Manchester U. 1, Sheffield 2. New Brighton 2, Southbourne 3.

Notts F. 6, Stockport 0. Port Vale 1, West Brom. 4.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET

RIDE AND PEARCE BAT WELL

The cricket match between Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club at Cox's Path on Saturday was played to a draw. Both sides batted steadily to amass comfortable scores.

179 FOR 4

Hongkong Cricket Club, having first lease of the wicket, were more successful, knocking up 179 runs for the loss of four wickets. To this total, Dr. L. T. Ride contributed 64, and T. A. Pearce 72.

155 FOR 7

Kowloon Cricket Club replied with 155 for the loss of seven wickets, D. J. N. Anderson being top-scorer with 57, and E. F. Fincher hitting up 38. T. A. Pearce took three wickets for 44 runs.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Two wins were recorded in Junior Division Cricket on Saturday. In a low-scoring match, Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI did a creditable job to win by two wickets from Royal Air Force at Sookunpo, while at the Valley, Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI beat Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI by eight wickets.

THE SCORES

Scores in Saturday's cricket were:—

AT SOOKUNPO. Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI beat Royal Air Force by two wickets. R.A.F. 47 (M. R. Abbas 4) for 20. Y. T. Barma 4 for 8). I.R.C. 2nd XI 72 (A. R. Suffield 21 not out, W. G. Leslie 3 for 38. J. Waddington 6 for 24).

AT THE VALLEY, Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI beat Civil Service Cricket Club 2nd XI by eight wickets, C.S.C.C. 2nd XI 92 (T. L. Lockhart 24, E. Curtis 4 for 17, R. Baldwin 3 for 40, E. Pope 3 for 20). K.C.C. 2nd XI 189 for 3 wickets (B. D. Lay 26, G. A. Goodban 49, R. Baldwin 33).

AT KING'S PARK, Club de Re'creio 2nd XI drew with Police Recreation Club. Recreio 2nd XI 131 (H. M. Xavier 25, A. J. M. Prata 20, M. A. Remedio 36 not out, C. Pope 4 for 45, J. Lewis 5 for 36), Police R.C. 80 for 9 wickets (W. L. Clarke 42 not out, A. V. Gosoano 5 for 18).

AT THE VALLEY, Craikengower Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with Middlesex Regiment. C.C.C. 2nd XI 151 for 7 wickets, dec'd. (A. J. Hulse 62, L/Cpl. Williams 4 for 29). Middlesex Regt. 93 for 8 wickets (Pte. Cutler 26, A. B. Harrison 4 for 27).

AT CHATER ROAD, Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI drew with University. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 174 (H. J. D. Lowe 23, D. O. Parsons 51, A. K. Mackenzie 39, C. N. Matthews 4 for 52). University 109 for 5 wickets (K. Y. Tam 53).

RACING RESULTS

Continued from Page 2

Won by two lengths, short head between second and third.

Time: 2:13.

Pari Mutuel:—

Winner: \$101.50.

Places: \$23.50, \$12.00, \$16.20.

Also ran:—A Roaring Time 155 lbs. (V. V. Needa); Courting Eve 155 (H. C. Phu); Lancashire Chips 152 (H. J. A. Hearne); Tornado 152 (S. W. Fan); Triumphant Day 155 (S. C. Liang).

Betting

Win. Place.

A Grand Time 291 297

A Roaring Time 445 321

Baffin Bay 794 776

Chiltern 580 491

Courting Eve 1861 1125

Lancashire Chips 1568 1433

Tornado Star 425 429

Triumphant Day 939 639

6,701 5,511

RACE SEVEN

Scenic View, Dawn Star and Boolat Bay (favourite) were in front first time round. In the back stretch Dawn Star took the lead for a while, but was soon displaced by Soldier of Britain (outsider) who lead into the straight.

In the home run Rose Flana (comparative outsider) and Galveston Bay (third favourite) forged ahead to finish in that order with a length between them, while Boolat Bay, making a late run, took third place.

Dawn Star and Scenic View having weakened, and finished in the ruck, while Taxing Master, carrying only ten tickets less than the favourite, was never in the race at any stage.

Last Chance Handicap—(One Mile)

Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Rose Flana, 167 lbs. (Mr. C. Encarnacion) 1

Mr. L. Dunbar's Galveston Bay, 151 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Mr. S. W. Lee's Boolat Bay, 161 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3

Won by a length, three quarters of a length between second and third.

Time: 2:00

Pari Mutuel:—

Winner: \$48.30.

Places: \$16.20, \$10.50, \$9.70.

Also ran:—Clowner 146 lbs. (B. A. Proulx); Dawn Star 154 (S. W. Pan); National Pride 153 (Ip Kiu-ying); Salvage Master 140 (D. Black); Scenic View 147 (H. C. Phu); Soldier of Britain 140 (Y. T. Fung); Tampa Bay 159 (P. P. Botelho); Taxing Master 168 (L. B. Chao).

Betting

Win. Place.

Boolat Bay 808 742

Clowner 112 145

Dawn Star 508 284

Galveston Bay 759 637

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, December 14.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 34% (Red after 1952) 92-5/16

Canton-Kloou Rly. 5% 17

Chinese 43% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 55

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 47

Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 25

Chinese 5% Recr. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Star. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 12

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 55

Honan Rly. 5% 15

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 17

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (German Issue) 16

Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly. 5% 1913 18

Shai-Ning Rly. 5% 20

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 14

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 14

Jap. 5% Star. Loan, 1907 48

Jap. 6% Star. Loan, 1924 54

Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 51

Chartered Bank 84

H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 82

H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 85

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 17

Chosen Corporation 6/6

Fekin Syndicate 1/6

Shai Waterworks Co. 13

Shai Waterworks "A" 12

Union Insurance 23

Guila Kalumpong Rubber 21/9

Allied Ironfounders 15

Ass. & Elec. Industries 39/3

Austin Motors, ord. 17/9

Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 57/4

B.A. Tob. (bearer) 91/3

Mercantile Bank 118

Cammell Laird, ord. 6/6

Mexican Eagle 6/6

Courtaulds 37

Distillers 63/3

Dunlop Rubber 29/9

Gen. Electric (England) 75

Guinness (A) Son & Co. 76/3

Hawker Siddeley Airc. 16

Bristol Aeroplane 14/7

Imperial Chemical Ind. 20/7

Imperial Tobacco 118/9

Marks & Speer "A" ord. 51/7

Rolls Royce 95/7

Leyland Motors 87/9

Tate & Lyle 57/4

Turner & Newall 74

United Steel 21/3

Smethwick Drop Forg. 13/6

Armstrong Stevens, ord. 6

Pressed Steel, com. 14/1

Vickers, ord. 16/4

Woolworths 81

Anglo-Dutch 27/9

Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 33/9

Burma Corporation 11/9

Commonwealth Mining 14/6

Marsman Investments 14/6

Randfontein Estates 38/3

Western Holdings 10/6

Sub-Nigel 202/6

Tanami Gold Mining 3d

Anglo-Iranian 53/9

Burmah 60/7

Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 80

—Nominal

JAPANESE GOODS AND BRITISH BLOCKADE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15. (Int'l)—"For every ton of German goods confiscated by the British authorities on board Japanese ships, the same amount of British goods aboard British vessels in Far Eastern waters will be confiscated by the Japanese," stated a Japanese spokesman here.

A cargo of German goods is aboard the Sanyo Maru, which sailed from Rotterdam on Dec. 10.

Japanese naval circles maintained that the new blockade measure is incompatible with international law and the Japanese authorities are resolved to enforce their views by actions if necessary.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 16 (Reuter). Market—Quiet. Oftake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-10

Jan. 6 Settlement 63-14

Feb. 3 Settlement 64-10

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 16.

SINGAPORE RUBBER Dec. 15 Dec. 16

S P O T buyers buyers Change

JAN.-MARCH 40-3/8 39-1/4 off 1-1/8

APRIL-JUNE 39-1/2 38-3/4 off 3/4

APRIL-JUNE 37-1/2 36-3/4 off 3/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Dec. 15 Dec. 16

S P O T buyers buyers Change

JAN.-MARCH 11-13/16 11-7/8 Closed

APRIL-JUNE 11-3/4

NEW YORK COTTON: Trade and foreign demand advanced prices easily. Hedge-selling against loan withdrawals was limited as a result of the grower's persistent holding-movement. Textiles were more active and prices were firm. Trade predictions for the year-end were generally optimistic.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There was some factory demand. Shipments were light and sellers were not pressing.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The cash position remains firm while it is hinted that good export demand is expected as a result of the low crop estimate in the Argentine. Lack of an indication of early relief in the drought sections is an additional bullish factor.

NEW YORK HIDES: There was a large commission-house demand for futures, including substantial purchases by the prominent operators. Large spot sales are reported. Active demand for domestic leather continues.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.84; Today's close, 149.35; Change, off 28.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

Prev. To-day's High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar. 11.01 10.90 10.89 10.96 .07 up

New York Rubber, Mar. 19.50 19.50 19.35 19.40 .05 up

Chicago Wheat, May 1051 1014 1013 105 .31 up

Chicago Corn, May 581 574 561 581 .14 up

New York Hides, Mar. 15.59 15.45 15.53 .12 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

December 11.00/00 deleted deleted —

January 11.09/09 11.14/14 11.15/15 .06 up

March 10.89/90 10.92/91 10.98/97 .07 up

May 10.55/56 10.59/59 10.62/62 .07 up

July 10.16/17 10.22/22 10.24/24 .08 up

July (New contract) 10.28/28 10.41/41 10.43 N .15 up

October () 9.63/65 9.72/73 9.75/75 .12 up

Spot 11.33 N — 11.40 N .07 up

Volume (In contract of 100 bales each) — 183,400 bales

Note: January cotton, first notice day:—26/12/39 last notice day:—17/1/40.

Total sales for the day:—310 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

December 20.25b/35a — 20.30 N .05 up

March 19.35/37 19.30b 19.40b/50a .05 up

May 18.95/95 18.90b/98a 19.03/08 .13 up

July 18.72/72 18.70/80 18.85/85 .13 up

September 18.57 N — 18.70/70 .13 up

NEW YORK RUBBER

December 20.25b/35a — 20.30 N .05 up

March 19.35/37 19.30b 19.40b/50a .05 up

May 18.95/95 18.90b/98a 19.03/08 .13 up

July 18.72/72 18.70/80 18.85/85 .13 up

September 18.57 N — 18.70/70 .13 up

Friday's sales:—39,048,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

December 55/55/58 — 561/561 .14 up

May 56/57 571/571 581/581 .14 up

July 571/571 571/571 581/581 .14 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT

December 83/84 — 84/84 .14 up

May 87/87 88/88 89/89 .14 up

July 88/88 90/90 .14 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March 15.41/43 15.45/50 15.53/53 .12 up

June 15.71/71 15.80b/81a 15.83b/84a .12 up

New York, Official 34-3/4 unquoted

NY-London Cross Rate 3.93-1/4 3.94

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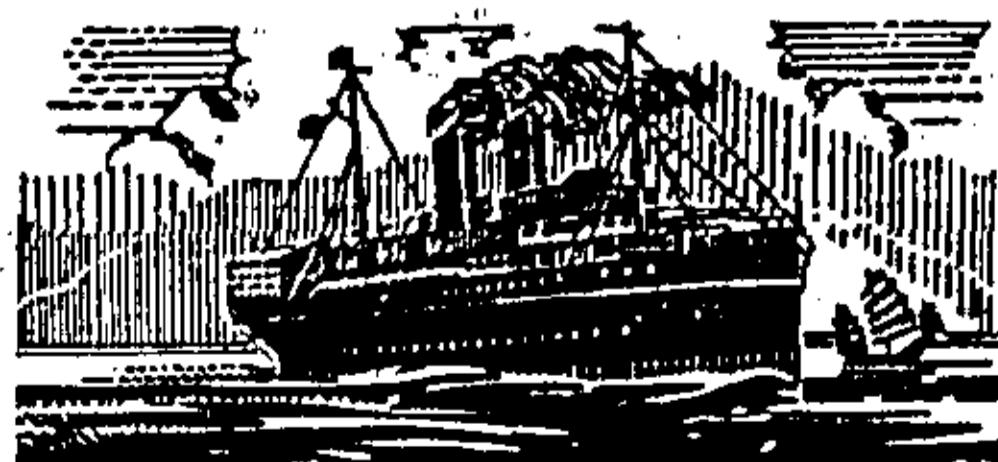
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. December, 17.
Barometer (at sea level) 30.23 ins.
Temperature, 68 F.
Humidity, 55 per cent
Wind Direction, N.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature: maximum yesterday,
70 F.
Temperature, minimum last night,
59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m.
today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st
86.70 ins.
Against an average of, 84.56 ins.
Sunrise tonight, 5.42 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow, 5.56 a.m.
4 p.m., December 17.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.14 ins.
Temperature, 69 F.
Humidity, 57 per cent
Wind Direction, ESE
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Maximum temperature 74 F.
Minimum temperature, 59 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 24 Dec. 1939

Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height in in.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height in in.
Mon.	18	00 22	5 0	08 24	2 4
	19	16 04	5 1	18 48	4 7
Tues.	19	01 07	5 6	09 09	2 7
Wed.	20	14 46	5 3	22 08	2 6
Thur.	21	05 11	5 0	09 57	3 1
Fri.	22	03 42	4 7	10 45	3 2
Sat.	23	17 34	6 0	—	—
Sun.	24	05 36	4 4	00 46	3 5
		18 08	6 4	11 31	3 3
		07 07	4 4	01 32	2 6
		15 44	7 0	15 13	3 4
		08 17	4 4	09 13	2 1
		18 22	7 5	12 16	3 4

"No cut in the staffs, no cut in wages" is the reassuring promise of the Transport Board to London bus drivers and conductors, who at first feared that, with the introduction of petrol rationing, there would be considerable reorganisation of personnel.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damage dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 16th December, 1939, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1939.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICESSERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

THE S.S.
2/A/40.BRINGING CARGO FROM
MARSEILLES via SAIGON.

CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed & stored into the godowns of the Hong Kong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me or before the 19th Dec., 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignee at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, the 16th Dec., 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hong Kong, 1939.

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MAERSK LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE having arrived, from New York and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd Dec., 1939, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on 22nd Dec., 1939, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

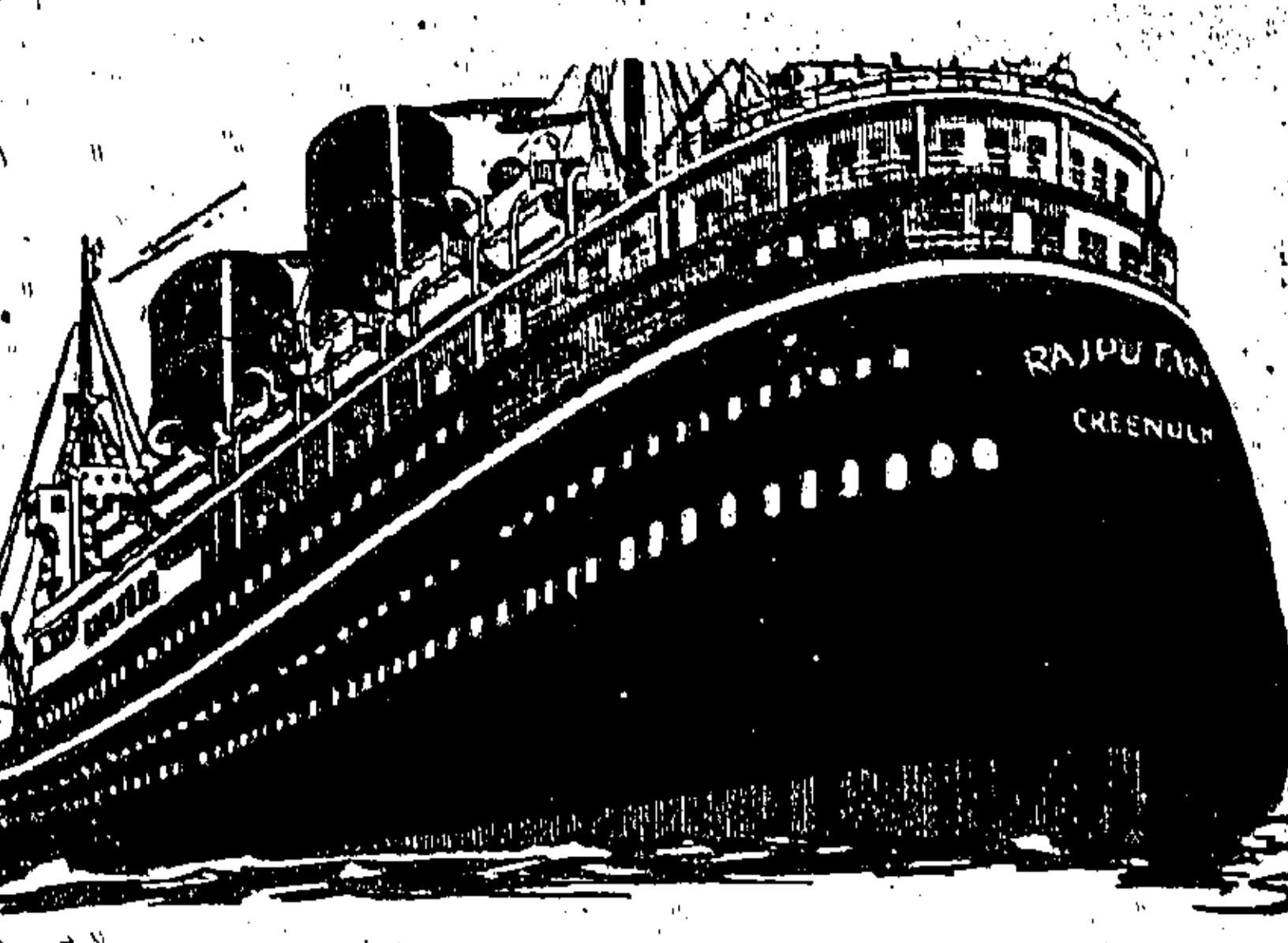
All claims must reach us before the 23rd Jan., 1940, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by JERSEY & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1939.

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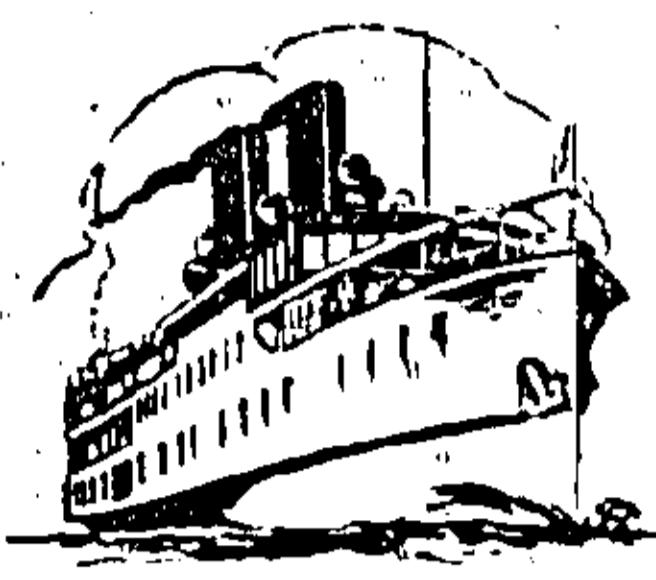
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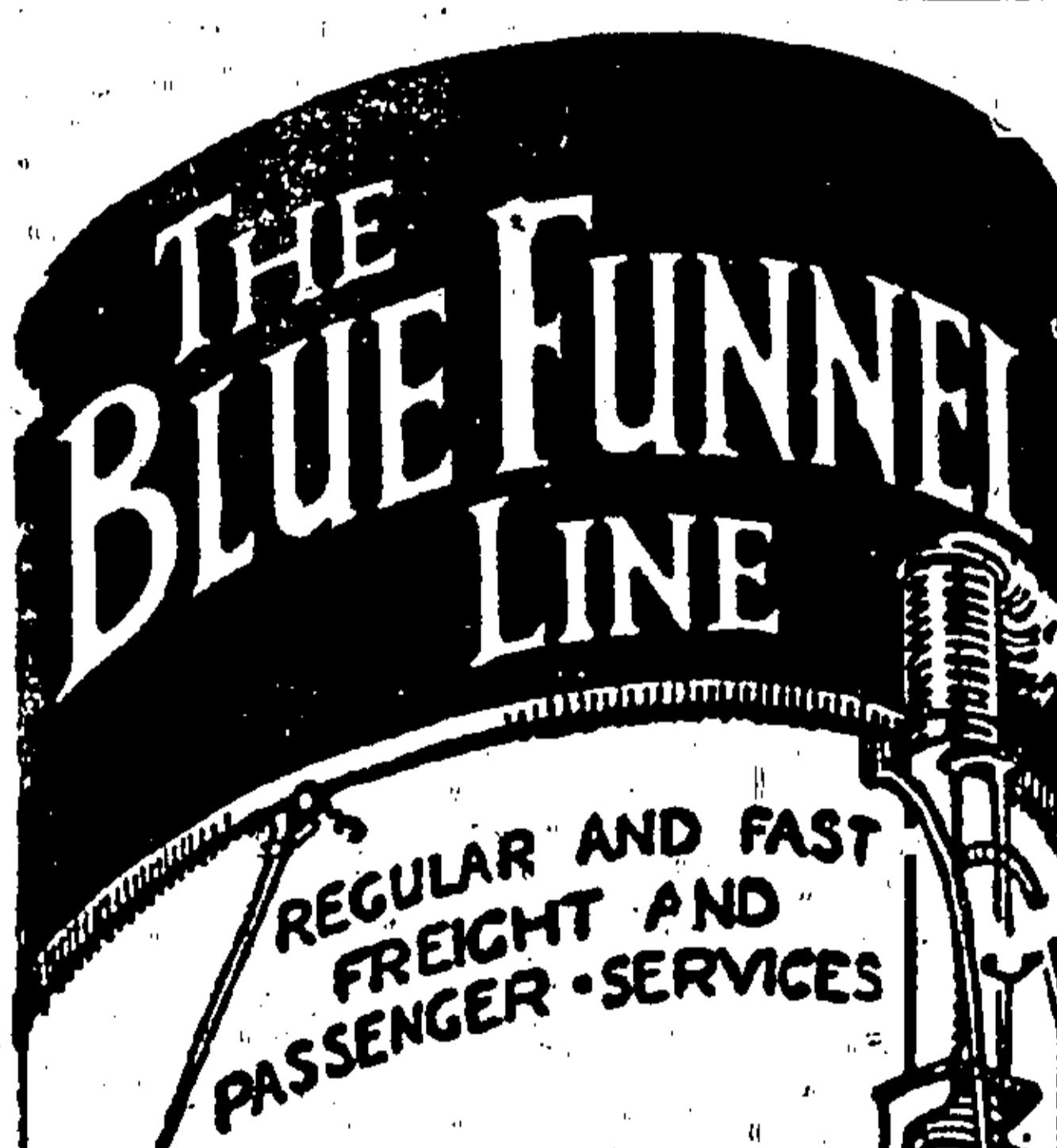
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In a friendly all-day cricket match played on the Craigengower Cricket Club ground yesterday, 3rd (M. G.) Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps drew with the Middlesex Regiment the soldiers being 41 runs in arrears with one wicket in hand at the close of play.

3RD (M. G.) COY

C. Q. M. S. Fincher, c Jones.	5
b Pearson	1
L/Cpl. Hung, b Young	41
Sgt. Zimmern (E), b Pearson	1
L/Cpl. Mackay, c and b Seaton	39
Pte. Zimmern (F. R.), b Young	24
Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, c Weedon, b Young	21
Pte. Zimmern (A), b Hatfield	1
Pte. Rapley, b Hatfield	17
Pte. Madar, retired	22
Sgt. Winch, b Hatfield	1
Weedon, b Young	21
Pte. Way, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	182

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.	
Paterson	6 0 31 0
Nash	8.7 0 68 3
Fraser	9 0 67 3
Hobbs	2 0 17 1
Green	1 0 15 0

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

S. Jex, c. Pearce, b. Paterson	0
W. Nash, c. Pearce, b. Hamilton	5
Capt. Martin, c. and b. Paterson	17
Capt. Parsons, retired	27
R. E. Lindsell, retired	56
J. Fraser, b. Pearce	7
C. G. Green, not out	24
W. N. Hobbs, c. Pearce, b. Lovett	0
T. G. Stokes, b. Redmond	2
E. Abraham, c. McLeod, b. Redmond	2
F. E. Nash, b. Redmond	0
Extras	2
Total	142

The scores:—

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

Brig. McLeod, retired	26
C. Blaker, b. Nash	10
R. S. W. Paterson, c. Green	21
b. Fraser	32
R. D. Gillespie, retired	33
T. E. Pearce, b. Hobbs	30
F. A. Redmond, b. Nash	1
J. D. Humphreys, c. Lindsell	18
b. Fraser	18
C. S. Stark, hit wicket b. Fraser	6
E. J. R. Mitchell, retired	32
G. S. Lovett, b. Nash	14
E. W. Hamilton, not out	9
Extras	3
Total	202

MIDDLESEX REGT.

Pte. Jones, run out	15
Pte. Cutler, c. E. Zimmern, b	2
E. R. Zimmern	1
Pte. Pearson, c and b F. R. Zimmern	2
Lt. M. P. Weedon, c Hung, b Anderson	6
L/Cpl. Young, b Winch	22
Pte. Hatfield, c E. Zimmern	2
b. Anderson	2
Pte. Cordery, not out	38
L/Cpl. Seaton, c and b Winch	0
L/Cpl. Williams, c E. Zimmern, b Anderson	29
Pte. Aldridge, not out	0
Extras	26
Total (for 9 wkt)	141

Lt. A. W. F. Peal did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

O. M. R. W.	
F. R. Zimmern	12 3 39 2
Winch	10 2 24 2
Anderson	6 1 28 3
Way	2 13 1
Mackay	2 11 1

Total (for 9 wkt)

Lt. A. W. F. Peal did not bat.

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O. M. R. W.	
Paterson	4 1 15 2
Hamilton	3 0 33 1
Gillespie	4 0 28 0
Pearce	4 0 23 1
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